
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Property Address:	1227 4th Street NW	<input type="checkbox"/> Agenda
Landmark/District:	Mount Vernon Square Historic District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Calendar
		<input type="checkbox"/> Denial Calendar
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewal, concept
Meeting Date:	May 27, 2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration
H.P.A. Number:	21-315	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
		<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition
		<input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision

The applicant, owners Jefferson Parke and Arsine Kailian, seek renewal of a concept for three-story rear addition to the two-story frame house at 1227 4th Street NW which is a contributing building in the Mount Vernon Square Historic District. Plans were prepared by Wiebenson & Dorman. The Board approved this concept in January 2019 and delegated final approval to staff.

Proposal

The applicant proposes no changes to the concept approved in 2019.

Evaluation

By regulation, concept designs approved by the Board and delegated to staff expire after two years if a building permit is not issued to build the concept.¹ The applicant must return to the Board for consideration if they wish to extend their approval for another two-year period.

The purpose of the renewal procedure is to make sure that approved concepts and delegations remain consistent with historic contexts and regulations and design guidelines adopted by the Board. Although rare and infrequent, historic contexts might change due to loss of historic buildings or the Board might adopt new guidelines that change the standards that were used to approve the expired concept.

In this case, there have been no relevant changes to the historic context, regulations, or design guidelines since January 2019. The concept design remains the same and is still compatible with the character of the building and historic district.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Review Board renew, for a two-year term, the concept for a three-story rear addition at 1227 4th Street NW and delegate final approval to staff.

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¹ DCMR 10C, Section 332.2: "The Board's delegation of final review authority to the staff at the conclusion of conceptual review shall also remain effect for a period of two years from the date of the Board's action. After the delegation has expired, the applicant shall be required to return to the Board to request an additional two years on the basis of good cause shown. The Board shall not unreasonably withhold its approval of an extension. Upon expiration of this extension, or if the extension is denied, the staff shall return the application to the Board for final review."